

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-699

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Dennis

Date of Introduction: September 24, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F, TEU

Date of Analysis: September 19, 2019

Type of Action: Establish a temporary moratorium on collection of additional solid waste permit charges

Bill Summary: The bill establishes a temporary moratorium on the collection of additional Solid Waste Permit Charges on building and roofing permits for the transport and disposal of construction and demolition debris pursuant to Section 320.409, *Ordinance Code*; provides that the moratorium remains in effect from enactment until April 1, 2020; provides for a directive to the Legislative Services Division to circulate enacted legislation to the webmaster for immediate update of fees online; and requests an emergency passage.

Background Information: The Special Committee on Solid Waste addressed the issue regarding the transport and disposal of construction and demolition debris, including debris generated in Jacksonville but disposed of out-of-county and debris generated out-of-county but imported for disposal. The committee recommended utilizing a building and roofing permit surcharge to levy a fee on C&D debris generated within the city and then remove the payment of a host fee for C&D debris generated within the City that is paid at solid waste facilities for waste disposed of in Duval County. The recommendation was adopted by the City Council with Ordinance 2019-55-E.

The 2019 Florida Legislature has enacted amendments to the Florida Building Code that prohibits local agencies from charging surcharges not directly related to the enforcement of the Florida Building Code. The bill imposes a temporary moratorium on the additional permit charges until a review of the City's current laws and the *Florida Statutes* amendments on permit fees and cost analysis has been completed. The temporary moratorium is requested until April 1, 2020. The emergency passage is necessary to prevent any violation of Florida Building Code in CS/CS/HB 447 as amended by the 2019 Florida Legislature. Upon emergency passage, the Chief of Legislative Services Division will forward legislation to all appropriate entities for immediate posting of the updated fee scheduled.

Policy Impact Area: Temporary moratorium, solid waste permit charges

Fiscal Impact: The decrease in revenue collected from the new building permit fee surcharge.

Analyst: Mitchell